



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

CGA Government Administration and Elections Committee

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Comments provided by: Susan Voris, Election Laws Specialist, League of Women Voters of Connecticut

Support for: SB 212 AA Concerning Provisional Ballots for State and Municipal Elections.

My name is Susan Voris. I am the Election Laws Specialist for the League of Women Voters of Connecticut. As a state-wide organization with over 1800 members, the League is dedicated to improving the electoral process.

The League supports **SB212** to make provisional ballots available at state and municipal elections and primaries in addition to their use in federal elections. As in federal elections, provisional ballots enable one to vote when, for example, a voter is inadvertently taken off the voter registration list, a remedy for which may not be cured on election day or primary day. The use of a provisional ballot has safeguards in that if challenged, it is to be reviewed by the Registrar of Voters within days of the election to determine whether the elector should have been allowed to cast his/her ballot and gives a nearly immediate remedy.

The League urges the Committee to support SB212.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.